(c) Government's reaction to effectively curb and prevent Insurgency in that part of the country and such ISI complicity in cross border terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Recent happenings in Tamilnadu including the serial bomb blasts in Coimbatore on February 14, 1998 suspected to have been engineered by some froeign agencies are subject matter of investigation by a Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice P.R. Gokulakrishanan, former Chief Justice of Gujarat.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is aware of the sinister designs of ISI of Pakistan to carry out espionage, subversion and sabotage in India in a clandestine manner and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate such objective by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and co-ordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of Para-Military Forces at strategic locations, intensified coastal as well as inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of the Indo-Pak border.

Dialogues with North East Insurgents

23. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his North-East tour in April this year, the Prime Minister not only offered to hold talks with North-East insurgents but also to accommmodate their demands by way of amendments to the Constitution; and

(b) If so, what are the precise promises of the talks offered?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had, during his visit to Assam in April, extended an invitation to insurgent groups to come forward and hold talks to bring about peace in the region. The Prime Minister in his Press Statement at Guwahati on 15th April, 1998 had stated; "To all those who have strayed from the paths to togetherness, whether in Assam or other States of the North East, I extend an invitation: come forward; let us discuss, my Government is committed to holding talks, to a restoration of peace; let us do so within the four corners of our Constitution".

The Prime Minister also stated that if necessary the Constitution could also be amended to find the solution to the problem.

Changes in the functioning of Police

24. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been contemplating to bring about changes in the functioning of police;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) As "Police" and "Public Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, it is essentially for the State Govenments to bring about changes in the functioning of their respective police forces. Within the Constitutional limitations, however, the Central Government has been writing to the State Governments emphasising the need to bring about such changes. The Stress laid by the Central Government has been on modification of the existing recruitment and training practices in the States and modernisation of their intelligence, weaponry and communication systems in order to keep pace with times. Apart from advisories, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance to the States through its scheme of

Modernisation of State Police Forces as well as by releasing funds on the basis of recommendations of the Finance Commission. Improvement in the police functioning is a continuous process and the Central Government is committed to ensure that the State Governments get all assistance to improve the policing in the country.

विदेशों से प्राप्त धन का प्रयोग आदिवासियों में राजनीतिक गतिविधियां चलाने के लिए किया जाना

25. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि कुछ गैर-सरकारी संगठन अब विदेशी धन के जरिए आदिवासियों में राजनीतिक गतिविधियां चला रहे हैं;

(ख) ऐसे संगठनों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या इन संगठनों की गतिविधियों से आदिवासियों के हितों की रक्षा हो रही है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) हाल ही में इस प्रकार का कोई विशिष्ट दृष्टांत सरकार के ध्यान में नहीं आया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते हैं।

पुलिस बलों में महिलाओं को भर्ती किया जाना

26. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय पुलिस सेवाओं के सभी स्कन्धों में भर्ती की गई महिला पुलिस बलों का पूर्ण उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि महिला पुलिस बल की संख्या देश में महिलाओं के प्रति किए गए अपराध की दर और पात्र महिलाओं की संख्या की तुलना में बहुत ही कम है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने पुलिस सेवा में अधिक महिलाओं की भर्ती करने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम बनाया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसकी मौजूदा स्थिति संबंधी विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) से (ङ) भारत के संविधान की सातवीं अनुसूची के अनुसार "पुलिस" और "लोक व्यवस्था" राज्य सरकार के विषय हैं। अतः निश्चित रूप से यह राज्य सरकारों का काम है कि वे अपने पुलिस बल के गठन के बारे में निर्णय लें और अपनी जरूरतों और आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार अपने पुलिस बल में और अधिक महिलाएं भर्ती करने के लिए समयबद्ध कार्यक्रम बनाएं। अपने पुलिस बल के प्रयोग को नियंत्रित करने में राज्य सरकारें पूर्ण सक्षम हैं।

महिलाओं के प्रति अपराधों की संख्या तथा महिला पुलिस बल की संख्या के बीच कोई सीधा संबंध नहीं है, चूंकि महिलाओं के प्रति अपराध सामाजिक-आर्थिक तथा शैक्षिक कारणों सहित विविध कारणों से होते हैं।

ULFA Training Camps in Myanmar

27. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training facilities are being provided to the ULFA cadres in camps manned by two prominent factions in Myanmar—the Karen National Union (KNU) and the Clin National Army (CNA) and the NOSONK-K is the crucial link between these factions, if so, the details of the activities being carried out there; and

(b) what remedial steps at the bilateral level talks were taken during recent visit of the Home Secretary to Myanmar and what has been the outcome as on date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Reports indicate that there are camps in Myanmar which are being used by North East insurgent groups for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes.

(b) Both sides stressed on the coninued need for taking actions against insurgents and other negative elements operating from their soil against the other. Both sides reitereated that they do not allow their territories to be used for activities against each other. The Myanmar side